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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Report on the Administration of the Police Department for the year 1938-39.

READ—

Letter No. C. 25—39-40, dated the 3rd October 1939, from the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, submitting the Report on the Administration of the Police Department for the year 1938-39.

ORDER No. P. 5136-49—POL. 90-39-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 31ST JANUARY 1940.

Mr. F. A. Hamilton, C.I.E., was in charge of the department up to 4th April 1939, when he proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement. Mr. E. G. B. Peel, C.I.E., the present Inspector-General of Police, was in charge of the department during the rest of the year.

2. The report shows an increase of grave crime from 5,946 to 6,376, which is attributable to the continuance of unfavourable seasonal conditions and unemployment among the lower and middle classes, coupled with a slight rise in the price of food-stuffs.

3. The increase is chiefly noticeable under house-breaking and theft, the number of cases reported being 2,038 against 1,870 in the previous year.

4. Government note with satisfaction that the percentage of cases ending in conviction to cases disposed of increased from 38·1 to 41·7. The percentage of the value of property recovered rose from 35·1 to 40·1. Another satisfactory feature of Police work during the year was the perceptible reduction in the number of warrants remaining unexecuted particularly in the Bangalore District.

5. It is seen that out of 272 persons dealt with in security cases, as many as 146 persons were awaiting trial at the close of the year. Government trust that the District Magistrates will take special steps to see that no avoidable delay occurs in the disposal of security cases.

6. It is reported that the incremental scale of pay sanctioned during the year to the constabulary from Rs. 15 to Rs. 18 has been of benefit to the existing men and has proved attractive to a better class of recruits. The result has been that the percentage of illiteracy fell further from 25·2 to 21·8. In order to train the recruits soon after their enlistment in the Force, an additional Training School was opened at Mysore.

7. With the construction of 112 units in the Police Lines in the Bangalore City, the percentage of officers and men provided with quarters rose to 39·4 from 37·9.

8. A sum of Rs. 9,258 was disbursed as rewards during the year. An Inspector was awarded His Highness the Maharaja's Police Medal for detective ability and a Superintendent was awarded a Bar to the Medal already awarded to him in recognition of his continued good and tactful work in difficult and critical situations.

9. The Inspector-General of Police has reported that the Criminal Investigation Department requires to be thoroughly reorganised to bring it up-to-date and to enable it to cope with its three-fold functions of intelligence, expert criminal investigation and control of criminal tribes. The details of the proposals are awaited.

10. Government are pleased to note that the working of the department continued to be satisfactory during the year. Government also wish to place on record their appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Police Department was administered by Mr. Hamilton who was in charge of it from 22nd October 1930 to 4th April 1939.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Grant of certain Powers to the District Forest Officers.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 4203-4—Ft. 97-28-2, dated the 1st October 1928, authorising the Sub-Assistant Conservators in charge of Forest Sub-Divisions to permit Forest Rangers to conduct petty sales of timber and other forest produce in cases in which the anticipated realisations as made out from the three previous years' sales are not expected to exceed Rs. 200.

2. Government Order No. G. 58-9—Ft. 249-33-4, dated the 15th June—3rd July 1935, empowering the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Circle, to authorise Forest Range Officers to conduct petty sales of timber and other forest produce which have fetched in any of the previous three sales, a sum not exceeding Rs. 50 or where the sale realisations are expected to be not more than Rs. 50 in each case, such sales being notified by and made subject to confirmation of District Forest Officers.

3. Government Order No. G. 2864-5—Ft. 30-34-11, dated the 22nd September 1938, sanctioning the reorganisation of the Forest Department and directing, among other things, the abolition of the Forest Sub-Divisions.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. D1-122-559—34-35, dated the 18th December 1939, from the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, recommending that the power hitherto vested in the Sub-Assistant Conservators in charge of Sub-Divisions to permit Forest Rangers to conduct petty sales of timber and other produce may hereafter be vested in the District Forest Officers and that the